



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6623**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACADEMIC  
DETAILING PILOT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2006,  
2 The University of Connecticut Health Center shall establish and  
3 operate a two-year pilot program, in not more than two municipalities,  
4 to allow appropriately qualified and trained academic detailers to visit  
5 licensed physicians in their offices to provide unbiased, evidence-  
6 based information on the diagnosis and treatment of selected illnesses,  
7 including information pertaining to the use of pharmaceuticals to  
8 assist the physicians in improving the quality of patient care and  
9 making cost-effective prescribing decisions for various diseases, while  
10 simultaneously focusing on patient outcomes. The program shall  
11 target illnesses based on explicit criteria such as practice variation,  
12 patient outcomes, resource utilization, the availability of clinical  
13 guidelines based on systematic reviews of randomized trials with  
14 consistent results and opportunities for improvement. The health  
15 center shall consider the following criteria in selecting physicians who  
16 may participate in the program: (1) The nature of the clinical issue  
17 being addressed; (2) whether the physician has a sufficient number of  
18 patients whose care involves the specific clinical issue; and (3) whether  
19 the physician has an opportunity for improved performance by  
20 participating in the program.

21 (b) The University of Connecticut Health Center shall evaluate the  
 22 pilot program established under this section and shall submit a report  
 23 of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
 24 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 25 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, not  
 26 later than December 31, 2008, in accordance with the provisions of  
 27 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

28 (c) For purposes of this section, "appropriately qualified and trained  
 29 academic detailer" means an advanced practice registered nurse or  
 30 physician assistant with at least five years of clinical experience who  
 31 has received training in quality improvement strategies, health  
 32 communications and the use of pharmaceuticals, and who participates  
 33 in ongoing training with respect to each clinical guideline that is being  
 34 promoted by the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.